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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INFECTION CAUSED BY CHLAMYDIA, the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

NON-PROVISIONAL PRIORITY RIGHTS: I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
09/025,521	February 18, 1998	Pending

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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Signature:			Date:

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))-NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

PATENT NUMBER: VDB96-02pA2

Applicant or Patentee: William M. Mitchell and Charles W. Stratton

Serial or Patent No.: 09/025,521

Filed or Issued: February 18, 1998

Title: DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INFECTION CAUSED BY CHLAMYDIA

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION Vanderbilt University

ADDRESS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION 405 Kirkland Hall
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

TYPE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION:

- ☒ UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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(CITATION OF STATUTE _____)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☒ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

I hereby declare the rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization regarding the above identified invention. If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities and that no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization exists.
☒ each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

Merlin Technologies, Inc.
39 Karen Road
Newton, Massachusetts 02168

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Larry R. Steranka, Ph.D.

TITLE IN ORGANIZATION OF PERSON SIGNING Director, Office of Technology Transfer

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING Vanderbilt University, 110 21st Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

SIGNATURE Larry R. Steranka

DATE June 4, 1998

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(37 CFR 1.9(d) & 1.27(c))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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Applicant or Patentee: William M. Mitchell and Charles W. Stratton

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Title: DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INFECTION CAUSED BY CHLAMYDIA

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Merlin Technologies, Inc.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 39 Karen Road

Newton, Massachusetts 02168

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12 and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☒ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

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Vanderbilt University
 405 Kirkland Hall
 Nashville, Tennessee 37240

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Richard W. Berenson

TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER President

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DATE

June 28, 1998



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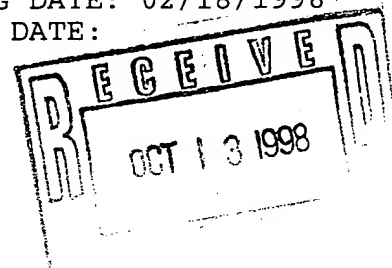
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PAULA MCCRAY, EXAMINER
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, William M. Mitchell and Charles W. Stratton have invented a certain improvement in "Diagnosis and Management of Infection Caused by *Chlamydia*" described in U.S Patent Application No.09/025,521, filed in the U.S. Patent Office on February 18, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Tennessee, and having a usual place of business at 405 Kirkland Hall, Nashville, Tennessee 37240 desires to acquire an interest therein in accordance with agreements duly entered into with us;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in said application, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's

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selection and the right to procure the grant of all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein;

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries, and the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications and preliminary or other statements and the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the date set forth below.

Inventor:


William M. Mitchell


State/Commonwealth

of Tennessee

County of Davidson

Then personally appeared before me the above-named William M. Mitchell and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument as his free act and deed this 24 day of June, 1998.

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 Notary Public
Janice E. Lotterer (print name)
My Commission expires 5 / 27 / 01

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Inventor:

Charles W. Stratton

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